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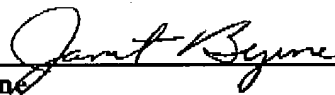
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/444,739
	Filing date	November 22, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Michael G. Mikurak
	Art Unit	3623
	Examiner Name	Irshadullah, M.
	Attorney Docket Number	060021-335501

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment(s)/Reply
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition to Extend Time, Fee Transmittal.

2. **Miscellaneous**

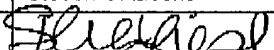
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- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) – Large Entity Fee \$770.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 3 Mos. \$950.
- iii. ☒ Other Suspension fee - \$130.
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